# The Downtown Cluster of Congregations

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Chairperson & Members
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW Rm. 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA application #16681 - Sq. 456

Via fax

Dear Chairperson & Members,

I simply to wish to state my support for the above-referenced application for special exception and variance relief to allow the construction of a new apartment building on Lots 87 and 39 in Square 456.

I actually have a long history of having supported housing on this location. This agency sought to maintain residential requirements on this site over a decade ago when efforts to eliminate residential uses were sought. This site - located on 7th Street - is a critical connector between Penn Quarter and Chinatown. Its development should compliment and enhance the public and private efforts that have made possible the MCI Center development.

To that end, I believe that the relief requested will allow for a much better designed and more functional residential development on the site. I frankly am not aware of any adverse impacts on any surrounding neighbors from the proposed relief. The relief will result in a far better and more attractive residential use on the site. The site has historic protections, and design protections are in place via the Historic Preservation Review Board. I reviewed the proposal and it certainly seems meritorious. I am anxious to see the property returned to productive, mixed-use.

I appreciate your efforts in this matter. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Terrance Lynch
Executive Director

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